

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That political leaders have been seen in films. Reagan, Jayalalitha, M G R, Rajesh Khanna, Sunil Dutt, the list goes.

But, has anyone seen any West Indian player acting in a movie. Well, you can count on Ian Bishop and his 'nothing of a film about it'.

Can you imagine any West Indian cricketer acting in a



SIR FRANK WORREL

Hindi film? If your answer is 'No!', read on.

I believe the professor recently sighted one of them (in whites) acting in a Raj Kapoor hit of the yesteryears. The film: Around the World; the cricketer-actor: Sir Frank Worrel.

No, Raj Kapoor is not related to Ashish of the present-day Indian team. Nor are you allowed to ask what was Professor doing watching a Hindi film. There are many things better off not asked.

SPORTS TALK



Anil Kumble

(India's ace leg-spinner)

Whether I bowl more or less leg-breaks from my repertoire as suggested by many writers, really doesn't matter to me. Getting wickets is most important and that really matters to me. I think, I am happy at what I am doing and will continue to do so as such... perhaps, add on a few new things in my bowling.

On the criticism that he doesn't bowl in the mould of a traditional leg-spinner.

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-34

✓ Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. April 19, 1996)

1. Sir Richard—
Name: _____
Hobby: _____
Illness: _____
2. The Atlanta Olympics begin from
July 17 July 19 July 21
3. Who has taken more Test wickets?
Kapil Dev Imran Khan Ian Botham
4. Dhaka football is controlled by
BFF DMFA NSC
5. Aussie Rules Football resembles
Cricket Rugby Hockey

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France first to remove restrictions

PARIS, Apr 12: The French league agreed on Friday to remove all restrictions on European Union players from next season in the wake of the Bosman case, reports Reuters.

At a meeting with representatives of all French professional clubs, the league agreed to abolish its current restrictions which limit teams to five foreign players, including a maximum of two from countries outside the European Union.

The European Court of Justice ruled in December, in a case brought by Belgian player Jean-Marc Bosman, that it was illegal to restrict European Union citizens from playing in other national leagues within the community.

But the league decided to retain limits on foreign players from outside the European Union.

Bidyut blazes in BU's win

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

BROTHERS UNION: 258 in 48 overs (Bidyut 95, Iqbal 49; Mofizul 4/30)
WARI CLUB: 142 in 47.3 overs (Mofizul 36, Ehsan 25; Jem 2/10, Iqbal 2/15, Halim Shah 2/16, Shipon 2/25)



A brilliant knock of 95 from opener Shahriar Hossain Bidyut guided title aspirants Brothers Union to a massive 116-run win over Wari Club in their final Premier Division cricket super league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Coming to open Brothers' account in the morning after they lost the toss, Bidyut, the right-hand-bat, remained in the crease for more than 40 overs and played the sheet anchor role to take his side to a respective total although he never had a consistent partner to provide him good support.

When the other BU batsmen were returning to the dressing room at regular intervals with poor scores, Bidyut stuck at the other end and kept the scoreboard moving with his natural strokeplay. He stayed in the crease for more than three hours and took the score to 190 before he left being five runs short of the magical three figures. In his 120-ball innings, Bidyut hit eight boundaries and a six.

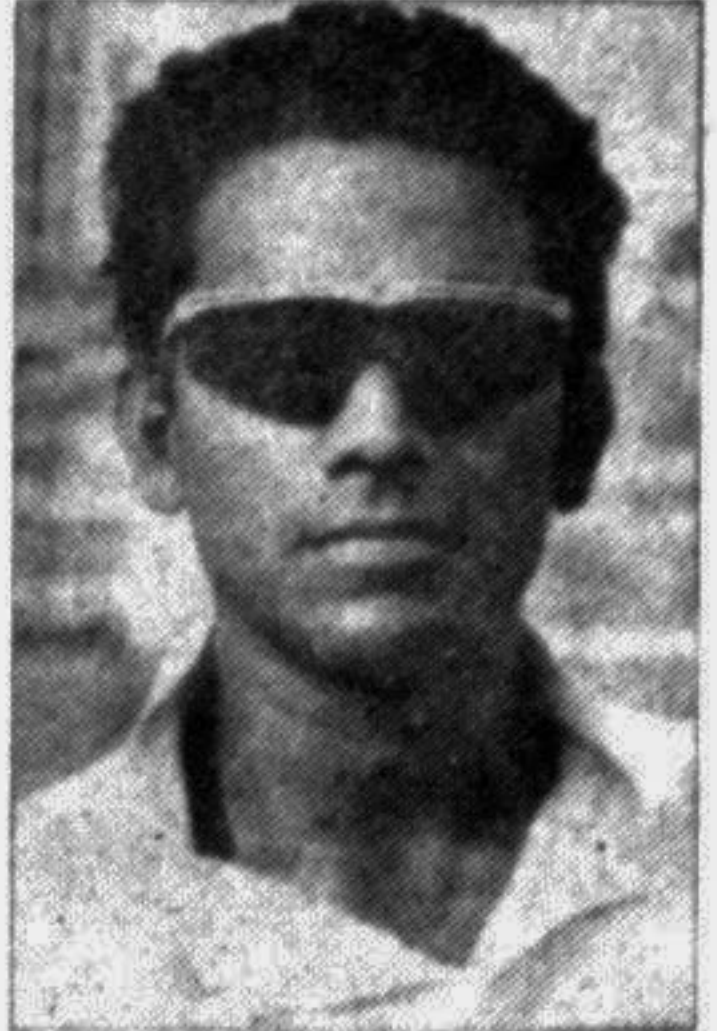
Inspired by Bidyut's fine knock, veteran all-rounder Iqbal Hossain and Sajal Chowdhury kept the flow of runs off with a 58-run partnership for the eighth wicket which took the score to 248 in

the 47th over before Sajal was stumped by Wari keeper Azim off Mofizul scoring 27 from only 19 deliveries.

The BU innings ended in the next nine deliveries adding only ten runs with Iqbal not out on 49.

For Wari new-ball bowler Mofizul Rahman was the most successful with 4 for 30 in six overs.

Coming into bat Wari were no match for BU's fury being bundled out for a paltry score. Mofizul Rahman top-scored with 36 and Ehsan put on 25.



BIDYUT... 95

The Wari rout was completed by four BU bowlers. Iqbal Hossain, Sajal Ahmed Shipon, S Khan Jem and their skipper Halim Shah took two wickets each.

The win takes BU's tally of points to 24 and they shall emerge champions if Mohammedans falter against Biman today at the Dhaka Stadium. This will be BU's first

league title since the 1990-91 season.

Biman's victory will give them 24 points but the runners-up position on run rate and Mohammedans will be relegated to third place, also on run-rate. A win for the black and whites will give them the championship and BU shall be the runners-up with Biman taking the third slot. Today's match cannot be underestimated by any of the three sides in contention for the title.

Lankans in Trinidad

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Apr 12: World Cup winners Sri Lanka have arrived here to play two one-day matches against a West Indian select team, a measure of how much their status has soared since their victory last month, reports AFP.

The Queen's Park Cricket Club invited the Sri Lankans as part of their centenary celebrations, against a team made up of a West Indies masters team and the present international side.

It will give the daashing World Cup winners the chance to avenge the snub by the West Indies, when they forfeited their World Cup group match because of fears over their players safety in the civil war in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka hold an impressive recent record against the faltering West Indies.

They have won four of their last seven meetings, including a victory on the way to winning the Sharjah Cup in October 1995 and in the qualifiers of the World Series Cup in Australia.

Amiss joins Botham's brigade

LONDON, Apr 12: Former England captain Ian Botham gained another valuable supporter here on Friday in his campaign to become an England selector in the shape of Warwickshire chief executive Dennis Amiss, reports AFP.

Amiss, a former England opening batsman, joined Derbyshire and Northamptonshire officials — who have nominated Botham to be a selector — in pressing for the great all-rounder to be involved in the international scene.

"I believe Botham has got to be involved. He was such a great player and he has his heart in the right place," Amiss told BBC radio.

"Even if he wasn't able to be a selector, his sheer presence would be a huge benefit to the England players."

"I've never seen an England team lacking so much confidence as the one at the end of the South Africa tour and in the World Cup. They are good players, but they need to have their confidence restored."

"We have got to get some young selectors who will bring some fresh ideas — people who have not been so long out of the game."

The game is changing very fast, changing every few years and we need selectors who still know what the players feel."

Amiss, who went on the 1982 English rebel tour of South Africa, also supported Botham's plan for a two-division county championship to bring a much sharper competitive edge to England players.

Linford lashes out

LONDON, Apr 12: Olympic 100 metres champion Linford Christie is lambasting the Games growing commercialism, reports Reuters.

Christie told British television viewers: "To be honest, I think the Olympics are losing their ideal."

"It started off as a great way for athletes to prove they are the best. Now there is all this talk about paying them, which I don't agree with."

"I still think the Olympics are a totally prize or money free. Once you win at the Games, the sponsorship and everything else comes through."

They brought in the 'dream team' (basketball), they brought in the tennis — I think they have lost it."

Christie has still to decide whether to defend the title he won in Barcelona.

He said: "At the moment I'm just training hard, getting myself into the best shape possible and making sure I'm healthy."

"I don't even think about the Olympics. I don't need the pressure. If I decide to go, people will see me there."

Jackson having second thoughts

LONDON, Apr 12: World 110 metres hurdles record-holder Colin Jackson will meet officials of the British Athletic Federation this weekend to discuss his boycott of meetings organised by the BAF this summer, reports Reuters.

But Jackson is still refusing to see BAF executive chairman Peter Radford, who sparked his boycott by reprimanding him for pulling out of the AAA Championships last season, then running in Italy the following day.

Jackson said at the time: "I will never compete in another BAF meeting while Radford is in his present job."

Jackson, who conceded on Wednesday he was under pressure from his family to change his mind.

"My mum is screaming at me to run," he said.

"The BAF and the public would like to see me competing, so there is a lot to think about. Money is not the issue. It is about whether I feel good in myself," he added.

"My training has been going well and I want to run all over the place. I have calmed down in myself but what happened last year still sticks in the mind."

Angry Amritraj

NEW DELHI, Apr 12: Former Indian tennis star Vijay Amritraj blasted former world number one Stefan Edberg of Sweden and the captain of the Swedish Davis Cup team on Thursday for making derogatory remarks about India, reports AFP.

"It is disgraceful that a player like Edberg pulled out of the Davis Cup making ludicrous charges," the United News of India quoted Amritraj as telling reporters on the sidelines of the Indian Open here.

Edberg reportedly asked prior to last week's Davis Cup tie against India in Calcutta that he not be selected because he was afraid of catching a "mysterious disease" in India during his final year on the tennis circuit.

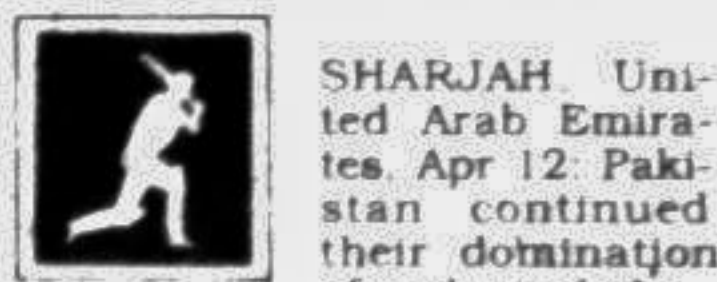
Sweden won the tie 5-0 to advance to the semifinals.

"For a player like Edberg who played in Bangalore (in a previous Davis Cup tie) and returned home healthy. To say that he was scared of falling ill in India was shameful," Amritraj said.

"In the twilight of his career, Edberg lost many a friend in India by making such remarks," he said.

Sohail, Mushtaq the aggressors

India wilt in heat



SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Apr 12: Pakistan continued their domination of arch-rivals India at this off-shore cricket venue with an impressive 38-run victory in the opening match of the Pepsi Cup here today, reports AFP.

The Pakistanis, victors in 13 of their previous 16 encounters with India at Sharjah,

Mushtaq after punching the previous delivery for a six.

Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin, under fire at home after failing with the bat both in the World Cup and the Singapore tournament, added fuel to fire with a wild swipe off Mushtaq Ahmed after making just seven.

Mushtaq also chipped in with the wicket of new boy Rahul Dravid and Saqlain removed Sidhu, but Manjrekar

with a 77-run stand for the first wicket by the 14th over.

Fast bowler Prashant Vaidya, who conceded 41 runs in his first six overs, made amends in the seventh by uprooting Anwar's middle-stump after the batsman had made 44.

Rameez Raja (17) and Salim Malik (22) were run out attempting quick singles and big-hitter Inzamam-ul-Haq was

TODAY'S MATCH

Pakistan vs South Africa
11:30 am BST
Live on Star Sports

dismissed by Sachin Tendulkar for nine as Pakistan slipped to 167 for four by the 33rd over.

Ijaz Ahmed and Sohail added 68 for the fifth wicket to retrieve the situation before the captain departed. Latif came in to take the score past the 250-run mark.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Pepsi Cup one-day international between India and Pakistan at Sharjah on Friday:

PAKISTAN
Aamir Sohail c and b Kumble 105
Saeed Anwar b Vaidya 44
Rameez Raja run out 17
Salim Malik run out 22
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Mongia 69
b Tendulkar 29
Ijaz Ahmed not out 43
Rashid Latif not out 21
Extras (lb-6, w-4) 10
Total (5 wickets) 271

Fall of wickets: 1-77; 2-115; 3-156; 4-167; 5-235

Bowling: O M R W
Srinath 9 1 46 0
Vaidya 10 0 55 1
Kumble 10 0 50 1
Raja 9 0 57 0
Tendulkar 10 0 46 1
Azharuddin 2 0 11 0

Over: 50

INDIA

A Jdeja c Anwar b Aaqib 43
S Tendulkar c Anwar b Aaqib 1
N Sidhu c and b Saqlain 31
M Azharuddin c Aaqib b Mushtaq 7
R Dravid c Latif b Mushtaq 3
S Manjrekar c Anwar b Younis 59
N Mongia b Mushtaq 69
J Srinath run out 0
A Kumble c sub (Ataur Rahman) b Mushtaq 3
b Mushtaq 3
V Vaidya b Younis 3
P Raju not out 0
Extras (lb-4, w-10) 14
Total (47.2 overs) 283

Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-26; 3-89; 4-91; 5-95; 6-211; 7-212; 8-219; 9-229

Bowling: O M R W
Waqar 9 1 44 2
Aaqib 7 0 33 1
Saqlain 9 0 42 1
Mushtaq 9.2 0 47 4
Sohail 6 0 28 0
Malik 7 0 36 0

Man-of-the-match: Aamir Sohail (Pakistan).

Result: Pakistan won by 38 runs.

SA govt officials attempt to cool things down

CAPE TOWN, Apr 12: The South African government took steps on Thursday to diffuse a row threatening Cape Town bid to stage the 2004 Olympics, reports Reuters.

Randal van der Heever, a member of the parliamentary sport and recreation committee, told a news conference it would mediate to restore unity after a key promoter quite over a personality clash.

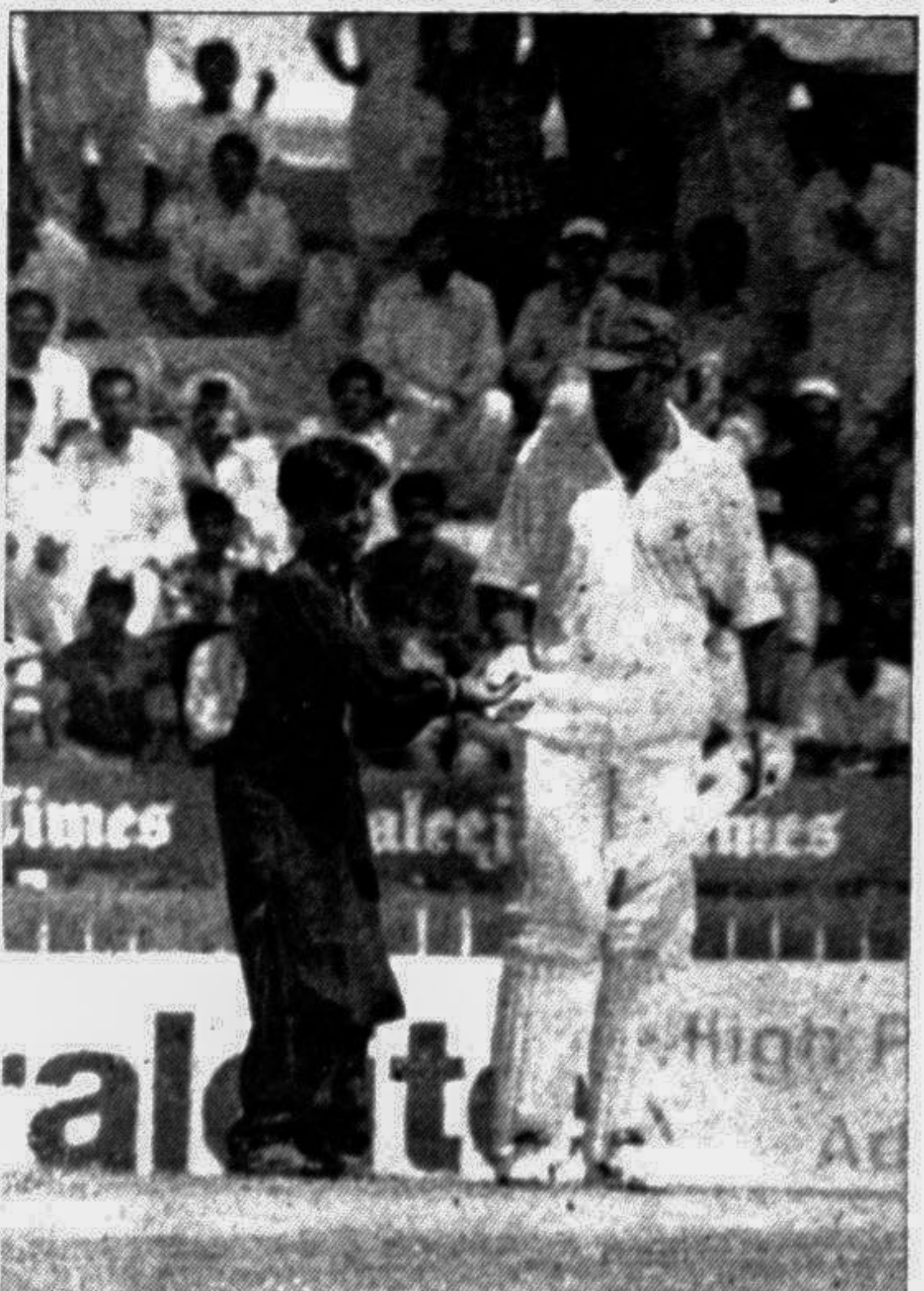
"We will exert our influence to bring about maximum unity with all role players. Shows of disunity are damaging to the bid," Van Der Heever said.

Clive Keegan, deputy chairman of the Cape Town Olympic bid company, said on Wednesday he was resigning because chief executive Chris Ball had ignored his colleagues and shown no interest in black empowerment, sports development or environmental concerns.

The parliamentary committee's chairman Lulu Xingwana said the bid would not be derailed by the upset.

"We would not like to be dragged into personal allegations. Our concern is to keep the bid on track," he said.

His committee has been involved as an observer since the bid company was formed. The South African government is to decide this month whether to underwrite the Cape Town bid.



Pakistan skipper Aamir Sohail is congratulated by a tiny admirer after completing his brilliant hundred against arch-rivals India in the Pepsi Cup opener in Sharjah yesterday. Sohail's 105 won him the man-of-the-match award as Pakistan triumphed by 38 runs.

built on the psychological advantage with a determined all-round performance against their reckless rivals.

Captain Aamir Sohail led the way with a blazing 105 as Pak stand, sent in to bat in perfect batting conditions at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium, piled up a healthy 271 for five from their stipulated 50 overs.

The Indian were bowled out for 233, only defiant sixth-wicket stand of 116 by Sanjay Manjrekar (59) and Nayan Mongia (69) prevented a complete massacre, after the top five batsmen were removed for 95 by the 23rd over.

The pair carried the score to 211 before Manjrekar fell in the 45th over, pulling Waqar Younis to Saeed Anwar at mid-wicket.

Mongia was the last man out, bowled by leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed who was Pakistan's main wicket-taker with four for 47 from 9.2 overs.

Pakistan take the field again on Saturday against South Africa, the third team in the tournament who are making their first appearance here.

The Indian play the South Africans on Sunday — the 100th one-day match at this venue — before clashing with Pakistan again in the return match the next day.

The Pakistanis, buoyant after their Singer Cup triumph over world champions Sri Lanka and India in Singapore last week, pressed home the advantage after removing danger man Sachin Tendulkar in the second over.

Tendulkar made only one before driving a wide ball from Aaqib Javed upshy into the covers where Anwar took a smart overhead catch.

Ajay Jdeja, reverted back to the opening slot in a pinch-hitter's role, justified the gamble by cracking four boundaries and a six in an attacking 43 off 35 balls.

He put on 68 for the second wicket with Navot Sidhu (31) but held out to third man against off-spinner Saqlain

MUSHTAQ... 4 for 47

Opening the innings, Sohail

battled till the 45th over when spinner Anil Kumble ended his long vigil at the crease by accepting a low return catch.

Ijaz Ahmed slammed an unbeaten 43 and wicketkeeper Rashid Latif contributed 21 not out to help Pakistan and 36 runs in the last four overs.

The experienced opening pair of Sohail and Saeed Anwar gave Pakistan a flying start

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Hula-Hoop 41 Brokaw or holders

5 Felonious 42 Eager

8 It's a long flight 43 Garage access

12 Computer story 48 Carnival attraction

13 Actress 49 Leg

14 Blue hue 50 Appellation

15 Edge of the road 51 Coaster

17 Toss the dice 52 Lamb's dam

18 Festive 53 Baseball's Speaker

19 Without effect 54 11 Wartime aid

20 Berate 55 "Mikado" character

21 Eric's son 56 "Hail, Caesar!"

22 Near-black color 57 Reacted with awe

23 Dead end 58 Violent conflict

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32 Paid player 61 Towel

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24 Cavern town of Virginia

26 "I do not choose to run" man

27 Exceeded 55

28 "Turn-of" tune

29 Expense

31 Nursery piece

34 Full

35 Elegy

37 Old U.K. coin, for short

38 Where the Vikings landed?

39 Beetle-bug's doings

40 Faction

41 News-week's rival

42 Crude

43 1040s headline subject

46 "Blue?"

47 Absolutely

Yesterday's answer 12-20

CRYPTOQUIP

IGKFBM SWB RCJGF CMLB
T ITRKCFCTM KCJGK
GJGKN RTN CF FTR
LB DG SWBUN CF FCMG
Yesterday's Cryptquip: LOCAL RESTAURANT
FEATURING MOSTLY CUISINE OF THE MIDDLE AGES
HAS SERF AND TURF.
Today's Cryptquip clue: M equals N
The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.